

How to Pray for Success? (Nehemiah 1:1-2:10)

Sermon Devotional

Series - Rebuilding: Life Tools from Ezra-Nehemiah
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1. When you receive bad news, what is the first thing you typically do?
2. When Nehemiah received news that the city of Jerusalem was in terrible condition, he wept and prayed. How quickly does prayer enter your mind when you are distraught?

Digging Deeper

3. Read Nehemiah 1:1-2:10 or access Pastor David's message at broadviewchurch.com/media.
4. In addition to weeping and praying, Nehemiah also fasted. Describe a time when you could not eat food because of a crisis in your life.
5. How does Nehemiah describe God in 1:5?
6. What was the sin that Nehemiah confessed in 1:7?
7. Why do you think Nehemiah asked God to "remember" his command to Moses in 1:8?

Bringing It Home

8. In the last phrase of Nehemiah 1, he indicates that he was the king's cupbearer. Do you believe that God places us where he wants to use us?
 9. Where has God placed you so that you can be used by him?
 10. In 2:10, we are told of the displeasure of two men toward the prosperity of the Israelites. This is a foreshadowing of trouble to come. What kind of tactics do our adversaries use to hinder us?
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